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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Page 1, delete lines 4-5.

Page 1, line 6, insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 1, insert -SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-.

Page 2, line 2, after "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION", insert -- The invention relates to stabilizer compositions for stabilizing polyethylene-based thermoplastic polymers in processing.--

Page 2, line 23, insert -- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor --claim

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Claim 5, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor --claim

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Claim 8, line 2, delete "or".